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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 15 has been amended.


Claims 15-18, 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamashita (US Patent No. 5, 946,978). Claim 15 has been amended to state that the retention segment of the spring element deformably traverses along the detent contour from within the adjuster. In Yamashita, the longitudinal portion 93 of the indexing spring 42 does not deformably traverse along a detent contour. Accordingly, Yamashita fails to disclose a retention segment of the spring element that deformably traverses along the detent contour from within the adjuster. For this reason, the rejection of claim 15 should be withdrawn.

Claims 16-18, 21 and 22 were rejected as claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Since claims 16-18, 21 and 22 depend directly or indirectly from and contain all the limitations of claim 15 as amended, they are felt to overcome the obviousness rejection in the same manner as amended claim 15.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the Examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

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